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"Mrs. Wharton, in the midst of life we are in death."
"What you drivin at?" asked the wo-

man as she gave him a sharp looking

"We are here today and gone tomor-"be continued. "We cometh up as a flower and are cut down."

"Who's goin tomorrer?" she de-manded. "If you think I am, you've made a mistake. What's the matter with you, stranger-got cramps or sun-

"Mrs. Wharton, I am the bearer of

"Waal, what is it?"

"It's bad news." "Let'er come and don't be beatin all around the bush. Is taxes goin to be higher?"

'No-not that." "Got to give our lands back to the

"Judgment day comin purty soon?"
"No. Widder Wharton, we know no

what a day may bring forth."
"Waal?" "We are a wife in the mornin and

widder at night, and sich is life."
"Who's the widder?"
"Mrs. Wharton, our husbands go forth—go forth at the rising of the sun,

"Look here, mister man," said the woman as she rose up and lifted a handy club from the ground; "hev you

got anythin in pertickler to say to me?"
"I hev, widder," he answered.
"Then spit 'er out and don't act like a fool! What's happened?" "Your husband is no more on this earth."

"Why ain't be?" "Cause he's dead. He fell agin the saw up at the mill this mornin and was

cut in two. "Humph! You mean Dan?"

"Gone fur good?"
"Gone to a better land, I hope. Widder Wharton, may heaven gin you strength to bear up agin this awful

"Y-e-s-um! See them critters over

by that haystack?" We looked where she pointed and saw five men sitting in the shade of a haystack, each one with his face in his hands and his elbows on his knees.

"Who's them?" asked the messenger.
"Callers," she replied, "callers to see if I was a widder and on the marry, and at least five more will be along afore dark. I guess heaven will gin me strength to bear it, and I'm much obleeged to you, And now I must go in and change my apron and put on my shoes and git ready fur a rush."—New York Sunday Journal.

A Mystery of the Mails. In the mail delivered at his West Philadelphia residence the other day William May, the well known ship chandler, discovered a most remarkable document. It was an invitation to his own wedding, which occurred in 1867, and where the missive has been during the intervening 29 years is a matter of no little mystery. It was addressed to a friend of former years, who then resided at 333 Wharton street. Considering its age, the envelope is in a very good state of preservation, although completely covered with hieroglyphics added by postal officials. The invitation card, while yellow with age, gives fittle evi-dence of its 29 years of strange exist-ence.—Philadelphia Ledger.



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